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APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS April 2015

PLEASE NOTE: *all programs are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling* due to staff limitations, weather conditions, or other factors. Some programs require reservations, a minimum age, or a cost-recovery fee. Call 386-428-3384 ext. 0 for program information during operating hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), www.nps.gov/cana. Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program.

WEDNESDAY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND AND 29TH AND THURSDAY 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD AND 30TH – "PONTOON BOAT CRUISE TO HISTORIC SEMINOLE REST" Take a leisurely cruise from the dock behind the Visitor Center to Seminole Rest, where there will be a tour of the historic house. We'll see lots of wildlife and enjoy some of the same views as river steamer passengers saw in the 19th century. Our comfortable pontoon boat, Tortuga del Sol, and our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe tour. Join us as we depart from the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., weather permitting.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (3 hours)

FRIDAY 3RD, 10TH, 17TH AND 24TH AND SATURDAY 4TH, 11TH, 18TH AND 25TH AND SUNDAY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH – "PONTOON BOAT CRUISE: THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON" Take a leisurely cruise to the places that lend character to this vital estuary. On our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we depart from the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., weather permitting. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (2 hours)

MONDAY 6TH AND 13TH -- "BIRDERS" PONTOON BOAT TOUR" Take a leisurely cruise from the dock behind the Visitor Center to see the many birds of Canaveral National Seashore. A park guide will be on board to point out different species as they appear. Our comfortable pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, and our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe tour. Join us as we depart from the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., weather permitting. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** and **SPACE IS LIMITED**. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged. There is a 50% discount for each holder of Senior or Access passes. Children 15 and under are free. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve space. (2 hours)

SUNDAY 12TH AND 26TH -- 10:00 AM - "BEACH WALK" Discover gifts from the sea on a walk on the shore. We'll look for seashells, driftwood and other wonderful surprises. Be sure to put on sun screen and bring plenty of water.

THURSDAY 16TH, 30TH -- 9:00 AM- "LAGOON TO OCEAN" Our walk will start on the shores of the lagoon and continue to the sea, we'll discuss all of the eco-systems. This program is led by a University of Florida certified coastal naturalist and will conclude with a treasure hunt along the beach. Please bring water & sunscreen. Meet at Visitor Center. (1.5 hours)

MONDAY 20TH – 10:00 AM "CLAMMING 101" Learn how to collect this delicious by-valve from the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Gathering clams has been an activity conducted in this area for thousands of years. Learn tips, techniques and recipes along with the Florida bag and size limits. Salt water fishing license is required. Must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Park at Parking Lot #1 and walk across the street to the boat ramp. (1 hour)

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